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SUBJECT: USS FURER

REF: (A) STATE 150830 (B) STOCKHOLM 3014

1. I AM MOST GRATIFIED AT DEPARTMENT'S WISDOM IN ACCEPTING OUR POSITION REGARDING TRANSIT OF USS FURER THROUGH ALAND STRAITS DURING THIS PERIOD OF BALTIC OPERATIONS.

2. THE SOLE PURPOSE FOR MY OBJECTION TO FURER'S TRANSIT AT THIS TIME WAS TO AVOID DIPLOMATIC CONFRONTATION THAT COULD ONLY RESULT IN A REVERSAL OF OUR IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP WITH SWEDEN. I STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE. A WELL CONCEIVED TRANSIT OF THE ALAND STRAITS WHICH MUST INCLUDE ADVANCE COORDINATION WITH US IN STOCKHOLM SEEMS AN ENTIRELY REASONABLE ACTION ON OUR PART. SUCH A TRANSIT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT INCLUDE A PORT VISIT IN SWEDEN EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER SUCH ACTION.

3. WE DID NOT INDICATE IN ANY WAY TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ITS INTERPRETATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PERTAINING TO THE RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AS APPLIED TO THE ALAND STRAIT. I DO NOT FEEL THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION IN STOCKHOLM WITH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING THIS MATTER IS APPROPRIATE OR HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

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